

Application No. 10/661,800
Amendment Dated November 5, 2006
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REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Final Office Action dated June 5, 2006. In that action, the Examiner: (1) objected to the drawings; (2) rejected claims 1, 2, 5, 9, 13, 29 and 32; (3) objected to claims 3, 4, 6-8, 10, 17, 30 and 31; and (4) allowed claims 19-21 and 26-28.

I. AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner not to enter the after final amendment dated September 5, 2006. Instead, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter only the present amendment.

II. DRAWING OBJECTIONS

The Examiner objected to the drawings as not showing certain features in the claims. The claims including these objected to features have been canceled, and the new claims listed above do not include these features. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the drawing objection be withdrawn.

III. CLAIM REJECTIONS AND OBJECTIONS

Status of the claims

Claims 1-32 are canceled.

New claims 33-64 are added and currently pending.

New claims 33-64 include 32 total claims and 5 independent claims, matching the total number of claims and independent claims canceled. Therefore, no extra claims fees are due.

New claims 33-44

New independent claim 33 includes a cam member having a first camming surface allowing rotational movement between the cam member and the insert and a second camming surface allowing rotational movement between the cam member and the jaw body. The primary reference used by the Examiner in the Final Office Action of June 5, 2006 (*Penisson* US 5,609,226) does not teach such a cam member. More specifically, cam member 44 cited by the Examiner has a flat inner side that engages the flat camming surface 41 of slip body 34. This arrangement of mating flat surfaces allows only translational movement between cam member 44 and slip body 34. Rotation of slip body 34 is not allowed relative to cam member 44. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 33 is allowable over the art of record.

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Claims 34-44 depend from claim 33, and are likewise allowable over the art of record for at least the same reason claim 33 is allowable.

New claims 45-55

New independent claim 45 includes a cam member having a first curved camming surface engaging the insert and a second curved camming surface engaging the jaw body. *Penisson* does not teach such a cam member. More specifically, cam member 44 cited by the Examiner has a flat inner side that engages the flat camming surface 41 of slip body 34. Thus, the cam member 44 of *Penisson* does not teach a curved camming surface engaging an insert or slip body, as well as a curved camming surface engaging the jaw body. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 45 is allowable over the art of record. Claims 46-55 depend from claim 45, and are likewise allowable over the art of record for at least the same reason claim 45 is allowable.

New claims 56-58

New claims 56-58 correspond to previously allowed claims 19-21. Therefore, new claims 56-58 are allowable.

New claims 59-61

New claim 59 corresponds to previously allowed claim 26, and new claims 60 and 61 depend therefrom. Therefore, new claims 59-61 are allowable.

New claims 62-64

New claims 62-64 are method claims that are distinguishable over the art of record for the reasons already stated herein. More specifically, independent claim 62 includes a cam member having a first curved camming surface and a second curved camming surface, and the cam member rotates relative to the jaw body and the insert. Therefore, new claims 62-64 are allowable over the art of record.

IV. CONCLUSION

In the course of the foregoing discussions, Applicant may have at times referred to claim limitations in shorthand fashion, or may have focused on a particular claim element. This discussion should not be interpreted to mean that the other limitations can be ignored or dismissed. The claims must be viewed as a whole, and each limitation of the claims must be

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considered when determining the patentability of the claims. Moreover, it should be understood that there may be other distinctions between the claims and the cited art which have yet to be raised, but which may be raised in the future.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. No new matter is introduced by way of amendment. It is believed that all objections and rejections in the Final Office Action dated June 5, 2006 have been fully addressed. An extension of time is petitioned and the associated fee paid herewith. In the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Conley Rose, P.C.'s Deposit Account Number 03-2769 (1814-19001).

Respectfully submitted,



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